



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
Police Department



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2015

TO: Kevin McNiff, Lieutenant
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FROM: Chou Her, Lieutenant
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SUBJECT: 11/4/2015 Officer Involved Shooting – Public Safety Questions

On the day and time of the incident, I was responding from off campus. While driving code-3 to campus, I heard over the radio that shots had been fired. I arrived on campus minutes later and drove up Scholar's Lane. As I approached the area of the Fairfield canal bridge, I saw [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the intersection of Scholars and Muir Pass. [REDACTED] was waiving me through the intersection towards the bridge. Upon approaching the bridge, I saw both [REDACTED] and Officer Lopez on top of the suspect. There was no one else in the immediate area around them.

I pulled up next to them rolling my passenger window down and asked them if they were ok. They replied that they were ok and they had their suspect contained. Knowing that there was a stabbing victim in the Classroom and Office Building (COB) who also needed medical attention, I drove towards the COB building. Upon arriving there and assessing the scene, I found there were several stabbing victims.

As the situation rapidly unfolded with multiple stabbing victims, I established an incident command and started to coordinate the response and activities of emergency responders including campus operations to the incident. This role and the fluidness of the incident made it impossible for me to return to where [REDACTED] and Lopez were at. At this time, there were multiple Merced Sheriff's Deputies on campus. I directed one of the responding deputies to go and standby with [REDACTED] and Officer Lopez on the bridge.

When Officer Lopez and [REDACTED] were separated, [REDACTED] came to the Incident Command Post. I am unsure exactly on the time when this took place but this was when I had the opportunity to asked [REDACTED] how many shots were fired and he said two. He said they were pretty close and both shots the suspect. I asked him if he was ok and he said that he was.

I did not see Officer Lopez until much later that afternoon. This was the extent of the public safety questions, I asked.